

House Resolution No. 4044

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Kansas City Police Chief Rick Easley, who is stepping down from the Kansas City Police Department after a successful career in law enforcement that has spanned an incredible thirty-one years; and

Whereas, Chief Easley has served as Chief of the City's 1,800-member Police Department for the past five years, prior to which time he gained an immeasurable amount of experience as a police officer for twenty-six years; and

Whereas, a Kansas City native who grew up at 11th Street and Topping Avenue, Chief Easley faced opposition and criticism while reconstructing the Department's policy on car chases and taser guns, which ultimately set the bar for higher standards among the Department's officers; and

Whereas, Chief Easley was also integral in establishing "Kansas City Together", a program designed to tackle issues of race by opening the lines of communication between the police and local church leaders; and

Whereas, Chief Easley looks forward to his retirement so that he can spend more quality time in the company of his wonderful family which includes his devoted wife, Lema; his four children; and his favorite canine companion, Molly:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Chief Easley for his thirty-one years of unparalleled service to the Kansas City Police Department and to law enforcement, and in wishing him tremendous success in his new role as Director of the Metropolitan Crime Commission; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Kansas City Police Chief Rick Easley, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Yvonne S. Wilson
District No. 42

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4044, adopted September 10, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker